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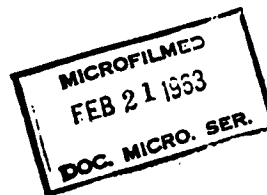
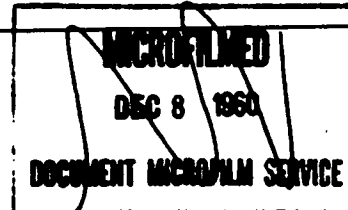
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Subject: Activities of the Mufti

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1. A meeting of Palestinian landowners now living in Syria was held in the premises of the Arab Higher Committee in Damascus in early June, at the instigation of the Mufti, Hajj Amin HUSAYNI.
2. After a discussion of various projects for administration of Palestinian landowners, the following decisions were agreed upon:

- Individual*
- a. Individual indemnity should be accepted.
 - b. Cash indemnity after a reasonable assessment of property should be accepted.
 - c. The proposed American assistance should be accepted, and the Americans should be contacted directly on this point.
 - d. The Mufti will contact Palestinian refugees in other Arab countries to obtain their agreement to the foregoing decisions.
3. The main theme promoted by the Mufti at this meeting was that the Palestinians should ~~negotiate~~ negotiate directly for aid from America and elsewhere, and should not permit Arab governments either to negotiate or to administer such aid.
 4. Subsequently, the Syrian Government politely advised ~~him~~ to leave Damascus. This action was prompted by pressure from Syrian and Palestinian leaders who oppose the Mufti. Specifically, it was argued that his support for the principle of individual indemnification of Palestinian landowners was against the interests of the Arab States.
 5. On his departure from Damascus, the Mufti appointed ~~Amil GHURI~~ to represent him in future dealings with the Syrian Government, particularly with the Army.

1. *Field Comments:* Source felt that ~~the Mufti~~ had planned to remain in Damascus indefinitely.

Field Notes:

1. Re para. 4, source comments that the Mufti had planned to remain in Damascus indefinitely.
2. Source does not name the Palestinians who attended the meeting, nor the Syrians and Palestinians who precipitated the Mufti's departure.

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